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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DR. M. ABOU EL-AZM

1. DR. ABOU EL-AZM, PREIDENT OF THE EGYPTIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE, VISITED ERDA HEADQUARTERS ON OCTOBER 21, 1976, AND MET WITH DR. ROBERT SEAMANS, ADMINISTRAOR, TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON VARIOUS FIELDS OF ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.

2. DR. ABOU EL-AZM EXPRESSED INTEREST IN PARTICIPING WITH ERDA IN COOPERATIVE R&D IN THE AREA OF SOLAR ENERGY AND THE EFFICIENT USE OF FUEL. HE MENTIONED THAT FRG IS PROVIDING 1.5 MILLION DM TO THE EGYPTIAN SOLAR RESEARCH PROGRAM. FRANCE WILL ASSIST IN THE STUDY OF SOLAR PUMPS AND THE NSF IS SPONSORING A STUDY WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY ON THE DESIGN OF SOLAR BOILER PERFORMANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 PAID BY P.L. 480 FUNDS.

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3. DR. ABOU EL-AZM EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN REGARDING WATER

USAGE IN EGYPT. HE MENTIONED THAT EGYPT SHOULD EXPLORE DIFFERENT TECHNOLOGIES BESIDES WATER DESALINATION IN ORDER TO DETERMINE THE MOST EFFICIENT METHOD OF USING THE WATER

RESOURCES OF EGYPT PROPERLY.

4. IN A SUBSEQUENT MEETING WITH NELSON SIEVERING, ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, ABOU EL-AZM MENTIONED THAT SOLAR ENERGY HAS THE HIGHEST PRIORITY FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE COOPERATION WITH ERDA.

5. ABOU EL-AZM MENTIONED THAT THE EGYPTIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM IN CAIRO IN DECEMBER 1976, AND THAT DR. TALAAT, PROFESSOR OF ENGINEERING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND WILL ATTEND. IT WAS AGREED DR. TALAAT WOULD CARRY BACK WITH HIM SOME DRAFT PROPOSALS ON SOLAR ENERGY R&D FOR ERDA TECHNICAL EVALUATION.

6. ERDA WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY VIEWS ON PROCEEDING TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE COOPERATION WITH EGYPT ON SOLAR ENERGY THROUGH THE AEGIS OF EGYPTIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE; ALSO, FURTHER INFORMATION ON EGYPT'S POSITION CONCERNING FUTURE USE AND APPLICATIONS OF SOLAR ENERGY, INCLUDING SUMMARY OF ONGOING AND PLANNED SOLAR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, LEVEL OF EFFORT, TOPICS UNDER INVESTIGATION, AND INSTITUTIONS INVOLVED WOULD BE HELPFUL TO ERDA'S ASSESSMENT OF THE POTENTIAL FOR COOPERATION. KISSINGER

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